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SELF-ADJUSTING FLUID SURFACE SKIMMER AND FLUID TREATMENT SYSTEM USING SAME

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

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REPLY AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Reply in response to the Office action mailed July 3, 2003.

Amendments to the Specification are not presented in this Reply and Amendment.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are not presented in this Reply and Amendment.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.